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E.O. 11652: ADS (DECLAS 6/4/74)

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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 21 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 1974, THE
RICE SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION IN PHNOM PENH WAS AS FOLLOWS (ALL
FIGURES IN METRIC TONS):

BEGINNING STOCK 10/21/74	33,075.3
ARRIVALS: A. MEKONG CONVOYS (U.S. RICE)	18,302.0
B. RTE HGTONLE SAP (LOCAL RICE)	3,582.0
TOTAL AVAILABILITY	54,959.3
LESS DISTRIBUTION NK	31,523.0
BALANCE NJ	23,436.3
LESS INVENTORY ADJUSTMENTS	1,146.1
NET CLOSING STOCK 11/30/74	22,290.22

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2. STOCK POSITION. AT COB NOVEMBER 30, 1974, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCK IN PHNOM PENH TOTALLED 22,290 METRIC TONS OF WHICH 8,516 TONS WERE U.S. RICE AND 13,774 TONS BATTAMBANG RICE. THE LATTER IS BEING RELEASED IN INCREMENTS THROUGH THE GKR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. HOWEVER, THE BULK OF THE POPULACE IN PHNOM PENH CANNOT AFFORD THE HIGHER PRICE BATTAMBANG RICE AND DEPENDS INSTEAD UPON U.S. RICE. THE STOCK OF U.S. RICE THEREFORE IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. WE HAVE SCHEDULED A SPECIAL CONVOY ON DECEMBER 10 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION OF U.S. RICE; HOWEVER, STOCKS WILL REMAIN AT VERY DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVELS DURING DECEMBER. WE ARE MONITORING THE STOCKS OF U.S. RICE CLOSELY.

3. DISTRIBUTION: AGAINST AN OFFICIAL DAILY QUOTA OF 770 METRIC TONS, THE ACTUAL DAILY DISTRIBUTION FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD AVERAGED 768.8 METRIC TONS. THE OVERALL DAILY DISTRIBUTION FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER AVERAGED 703.9 METRIC TONS AND 803.6 METRIC TONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. THE SURGE IN DAILY DISTRIBUTION IN NOVEMBER IS ASCRIBED BY THE GKR RICE COMMITTEE TO AN ESCALATION OF EMERGENCY DEMANDS FROM BELEAGUERED PROVINCES AND ENCLAVES. AT THIS POINT IN TIME JUST BEFORE THE NEW HARVEST, THE FARMERS THEMSELVES HAVE EATEN UP THEIR OWN RESERVES. IN ADDITION, FANK HAS BEEN BUILDING UP ITS SECURITY STOCK TO A 21-DAY LEVEL. BECAUSE NEW PL-480 RICE IS NOT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER, THE MISSION HAS PRESSED THE RICE COMMITTEE INTO TAKING STRINGENT MEASURES TO DAMPEN THIS SURGE IN DEMAND. THE CIVILIAN DAILY QUOTA IS DECREASED BY 13 METRIC TONS FOR THE FIRST 10 DAYS AND THE FANK QUOTA HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR ONE WEEK, TO GET THEIR SECURITY STOCK DOWN TO NORMAL.

4. ARRIVALS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

	DATE	TONNAGE (M/T)
A. MEKONG CONVOYS (U.S. RICE)	NOV 5	7,909
	NOV 13	5,577
	NOV 20	2,603
	NOV 29	2,213
TOTAL U.S. RICE:		18,302
B. ROUTE 5/TONLE SAP (LOCAL RICE)	NOV 13	1,489

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	NOV 23	2,093
TOTAL LOCAL RICE:		3,582

5. PROJECTED ARRIVALS:

A. SVN LOAN: THE LAST SHIPMENT UNDER THE 40,000 METRIC TONS RICE LOAN TO CAMBODIA WAS RECEIVED IN PHNOM PENH NOVEMBER 29, 1974. TO MEET EMERGENCY DECEMBER REQUIREMENTS, A NEW LOAN OF 5,000 METRIC TONS WAS NEGOTIATED.

B. U.S. RICE: UNDER PA 78-736, PA 78-737 AND PA 78-738 APPROXIMATELY 131,402 METRIC TONS OF RICE ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN SAIGON; 50,102 METRIC TONS IN DECEMBER AND 81,300 METRIC TONS IN JANUARY 1975. FIRST DELIVERY IN PHNOM PENH OF APPROXIMATELY 4,000 METRIC TONS IS EXPECTED BY SPECIAL CONVOY ON DECEMBER 10, 1974.

C. BATTAMBANG RICE: DURING ENEMY INTERDICTION OF ROUTE 5 ABOVE KOMPONG CHHNANG, WHICH LASTED FROM SEPTEMBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 4, AN EMERGENCY ALTERNATE ROUTE WAS USED WHEREBY RICE FROM BATTAMBAND WAS TRUCKED TO SIEM REAP AND THEN TRANSPORTED BY USAID CHARTERED BARGES ACROSS THE GREAT LAKE AND THE TONLE SAP RIVER TO PHNOM PENH. A TOTAL OF 1,489 METRIC TONS WAS TRANSPORTED IN THIS MANNER. SINCE THE RE-OPENING OF ROUTE 5 ON NOVEMBER 4, AN ADDITIONAL 2,093 METRIC TONS WAS DELIVERED TO PHNOM PENH VIA KOMPONG CHHNANG ON THE TONLE SAP RIVER. THE BATTAMBANG RICE SURPLUS FOR PHNOM PENH WAS ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED AT 25,000 METRIC TONS, HOWEVER, DUE TO EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS IN BATTAMBANG ITSELF, AND ODDAR MEAN CHEY AND PURSAT PROVINCES, THIS AMOUNT WAS DECREASED BY 5,800 METRIC TONS, LEAVING A BALANCE OF 19,200 METRIC TONS FOR PHNOM PENH. TO DATE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF RICE DELIVERED TO PHNOM PENH AMOUNTS TO 13,922 METRIC TONS WITH 5,278 METRIC TONS REMAINING TO BE SHIPPED.

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